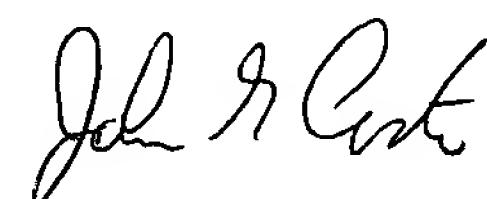


the color of the object or the color of any part of the object. In order to clarify this distinction, the phrase -- said electronic signal is a video signal for the production of images of said object-- is used in new independent claims 2 and 4 of the application. Vincent does not state nor imply that the video signal is for the production of images of the object. The video signal of Vincent is not used for the production of an "image of said object" but rather for a color spectrum representing a part of the object.

In sections 7, 8 and 9, the Examiner states that claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Vincent in view of Genz and that claims 13-21 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Vincent in view of Acuff. Both of these rejections rely on the Examiner's premise that the video signal disclosed by Vincent is implied to be a video signal for the production of images of the object. Applicants submit it is clear from their application and that it is also clear from common usage of the meaning of the word "image" that the image in the application looks like the object being imaged. The color spectrum "image" of Vincent does not look anything like the object itself.

Accordingly, applicants have herewith filed a notice of appeal and, at the same time request the Examiner reconsider his argument and withdraw his final rejection of the application.

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